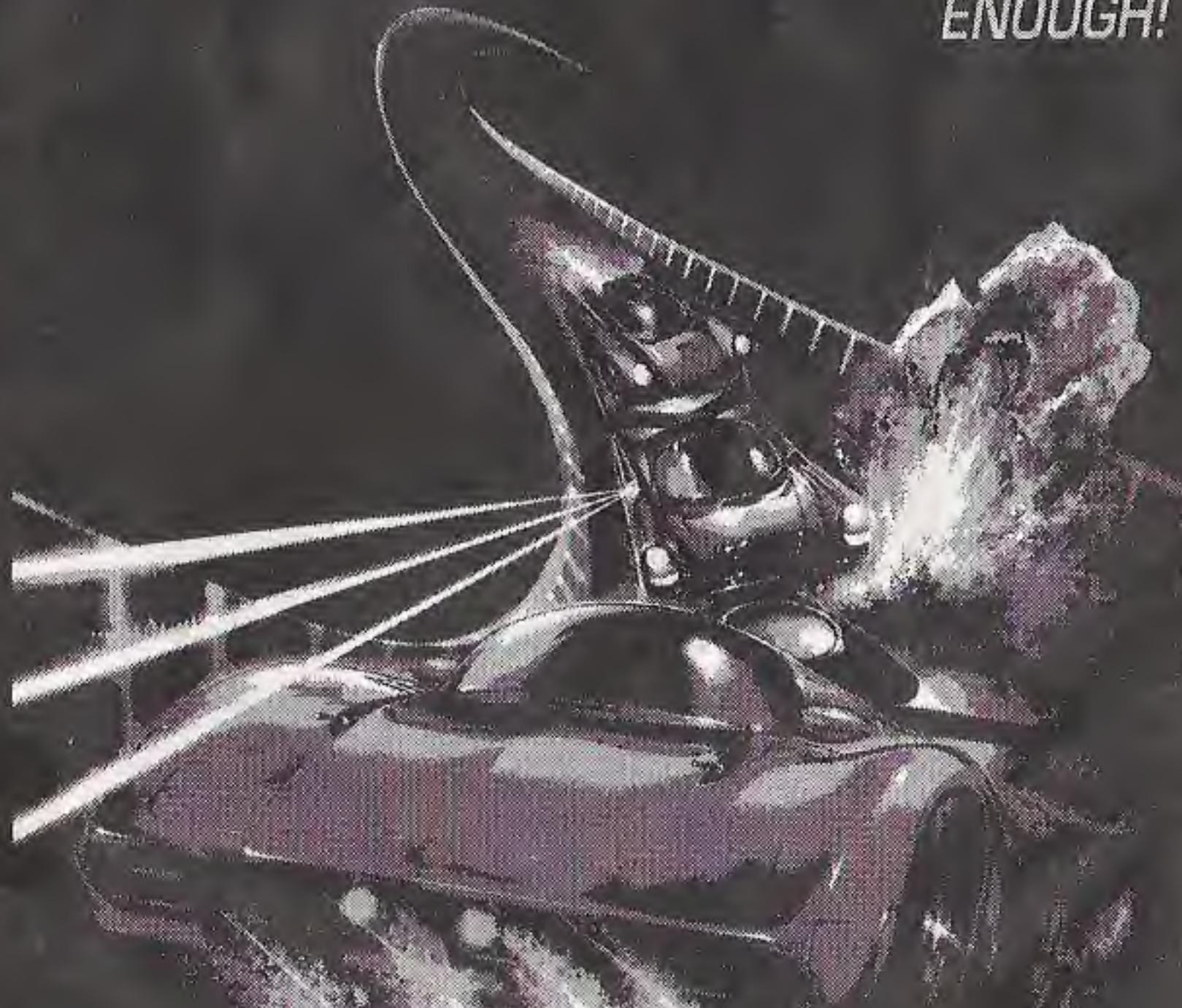


# MEGARACE

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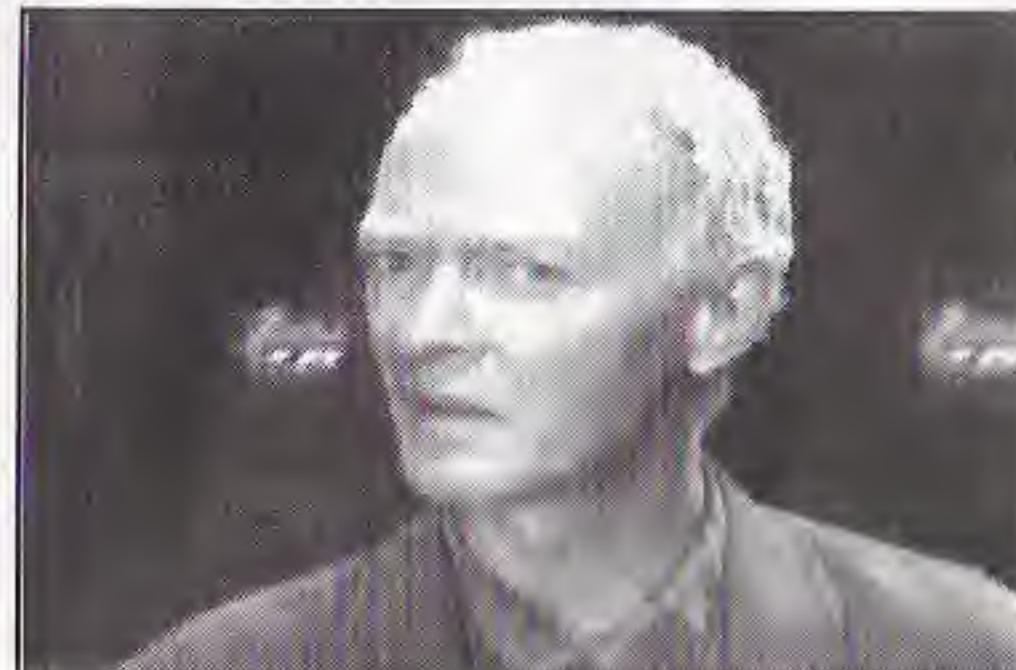
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## WELCOME TO VWBT

Welcome to **MegaRace!** The Virtual World Broadcast Television experience that puts you in the driver's seat. And I'm your VWBT MegaHost, Lance Boyle. Thanks to the magic of VWBT, you have been chosen as the next Enforcer. Today, you'll **MegaRace** against a nasty crew of speed punks with bad manners and worse haircuts. Your challenge... thrill the viewers and keep the ratings climbing!

You know the score—race to win and rub your challengers off the track—the harder the hit the higher the point total. You're going to need more than speed to beat this bunch.

On behalf of the billions of viewers out there in TV land, good luck and keep a firm grip on the wheel! It's a whole lot better than real, baby; it's Virtual Television, reality's worst nightmare!

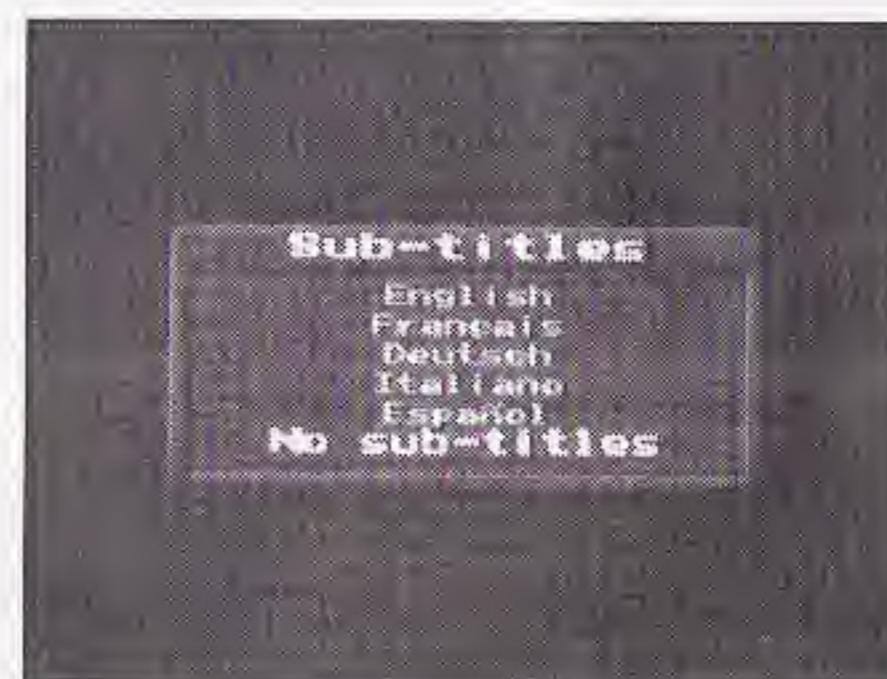


## CONTESTANT'S HANDBOOK

### GET SET, GO!

To start the game:

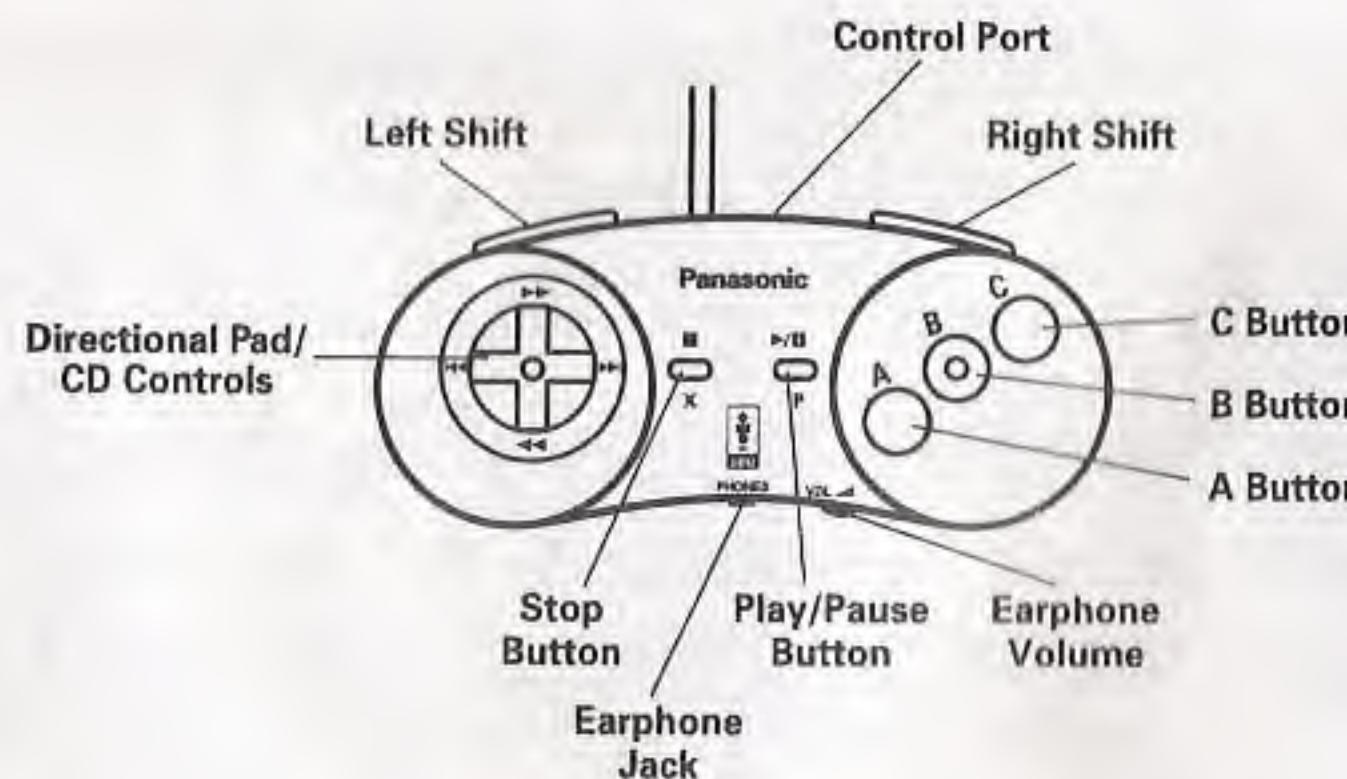
1. Turn on your 3DO™ Interactive Multiplayer™ System.
2. Press **OPEN/CLOSE** to extend the disc tray.
3. Put the disc in the tray with the label side up.
4. Press **OPEN/CLOSE** to retract the disc tray.
5. Wait for the logo screens to go by, then use your **Directional Pad** up and down arrows to select a language for subtitles or **No Subtitles**, then press **A**.



6. You can watch the opening animations and listen to Lance Boyle's instructions, or take one of these options:
  - Press **P** to skip all animations and open the *Car Selection* screen.
  - Press **A** to skip one animation at a time.

## GAME CONTROLS

OK, Enforcer, here's your basic driving manual. **MegaRace** makes it a cinch to keep your eyes on the road.



### DIRECTIONAL PAD

The default game controls are shown below. For instructions on modifying controls, see *Custom Controls*. Press the **Directional Pad** to maneuver your car on the tracks.

|       |   |             |
|-------|---|-------------|
| up    | ↑ | Accelerate  |
| down  | ↓ | Brake       |
| right | → | Steer right |
| left  | ← | Steer left  |

*Note:* Release of the accelerator gradually slows the car.

## BUTTONS

- A** Action button. Press to skip opening animations one at a time, to open the *Car Selection* screen; to see a morphing sequence of a car; and to fire weapon while driving.
- P** Pause and resume driving sequence. Also used to skip all opening animations and open the *Car Selection* screen.
- X** Quit.

## CAR SELECTION SCREEN



To choose your MegaRace Enforcement Vehicle, press the **Directional Pad** to point to a car. Press **P** to take off or press **A** to see the car morph into view with its rad specs. See *Car Specs*.

To set game options, press the **Directional Pad** to point to a colored button, then press **A**.

**Green Button** Set the difficulty to **Novice** or **Hardened**. Beware, once a show starts, you can't wimp and change this.

**Yellow Button** Set these options:

**Load:** Load in a previous show.

**Save:** Save this show to continue at a later date. You must complete race to use this. You can save up to three games.

### Delete:

Point to a previously saved game, then press **A** to erase it. You can also press **C** for help. Press **X** to go back to the *Car Selection* screen.

### Sounds:

Point to this feature and press **A** to change it. You can toggle through Sounds (sound effects only), Music (music and some sound), or Off.

### Game Controls:

Customize your game controls. Point to Joypad and press **A** to open a screen showing alternate game controls. See *Custom Controls*. Note: Extended Joystick is for a future hardware development.

### Quit MegaRace:

#### OK:

End game play. Return to the *Car Selection* screen without selecting an option.

### Blue Button:

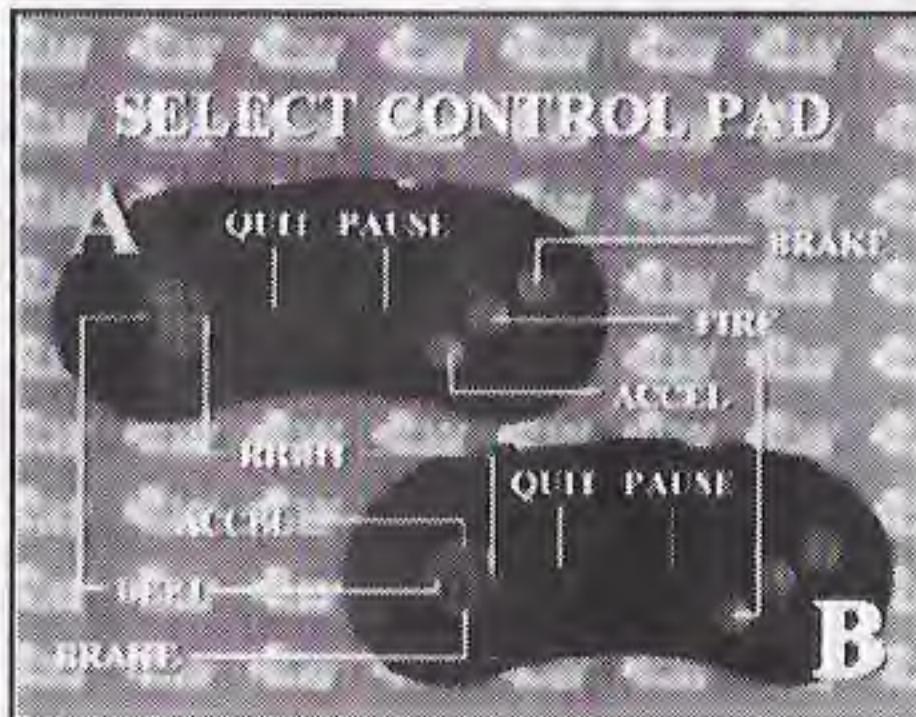
Hall of Fame - Where previously successful Enforcers left their mark. (Apart from on the track!) After you lose a race with a high enough score, you can enter your name here. Press **right** and **left Directional Pad** arrows to select a letter, then press **A**. Press **B** as a backspace key to erase characters in the current name. Press **C** to exit.

### Red Button:

Take a sneak peek at the track you're about to race. Press **B** to slow the video action. Press **A** to exit.

## CUSTOM CONTROLS

If you want, you can customize the driving game controls. On the *Car Selection* screen, choose the **Yellow** button to open the *Options* screen. First point to Game Controls and press **A**, then point to Joypad and press **A**. The screen that shows game controls appears.



Use the Directional Pad to select option **A** or options **B**, then press **A** to use those controls. Option **B** is the set of default controls. Point to option **A** and press **A** to change to the following controls.

## DIRECTIONAL PAD

Press the **Directional Pad** to maneuver your car on the tracks.

- |       |   |             |
|-------|---|-------------|
| right | → | Steer right |
| left  | ← | Steer left  |

## BUTTONS

- A** Accelerate
- B** Fire your weapon while driving
- C** Brake
- P** Pause and resume racing sequence
- X** Quit

## IN-CAR DISPLAY

Hold on! You can't just drive any car you want. You've gotta prove yourself on the road, before you get to drive the hot stuff. For starters, you can choose from three cars. But chill out - when you beat each gang leader, you win his car and add that to your selection. See *Car Specs* for the juicy details.



This is how the inside of your **MegaRace** enforcement vehicle may look. Take note of the following displays:

1. **Enemy Damage** - This defaults to a shot of the current enemy car with a damage bar to let you track your enemy's condition. If you run over a warning symbol, this shows what lies ahead on the track.
2. **SP** - Your speed readout.
3. **EN** - The amount of energy you have. (*Remember - No Energy, No Firing!* Note that Missile Launching needs lots of energy)

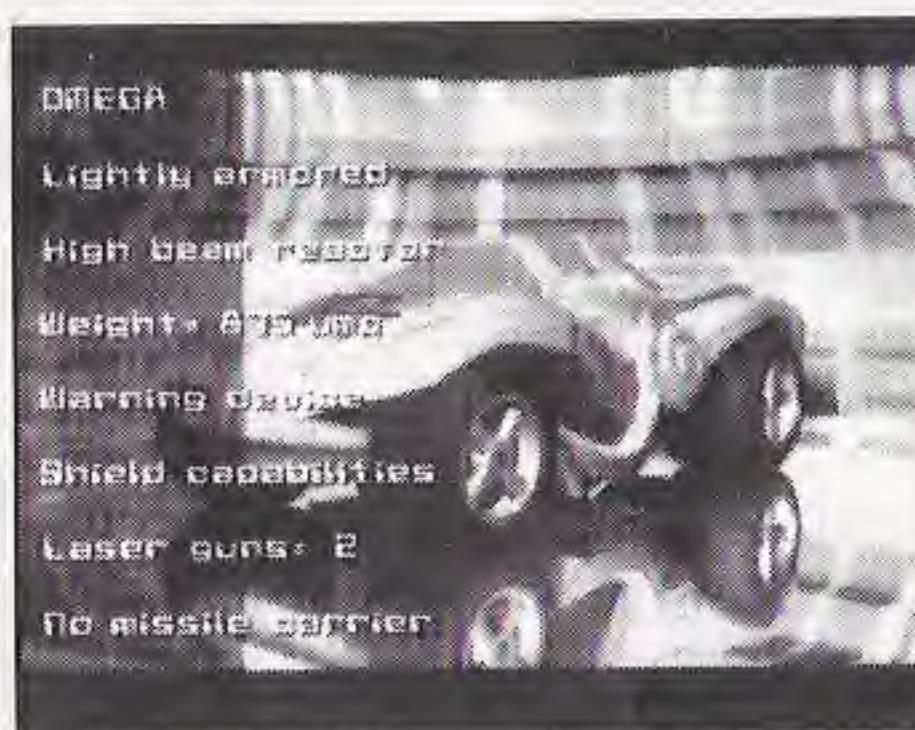
4. **DM** - Damage Meter that shows how much damage your **MegaRace** enforcement vehicle can take.
5. **Current Weapon** - Guns (G) or Missiles (M). This weapon depends on your car's capabilities and whether or not you pick up any missiles while you drive.
6. **TH** - The Thrill-O-Meter. Measures your rating with the VWBT audience.
7. You can see your car on the track.

## CAR SPECS

Game cars vary as you move up the tracks. A viewer rating system of the cars is shown here.

For each of the following four factors, cars are rated from very bad (- -) to average (0) to very good (++):

- **Weapons** shows how well the car is equipped from single/dual/triple machine guns to a big weapon carrier.
- **Armor** reflects each car's resistance to shots.
- **Ease of control** measures the road holding performance and reaction to icy or slippery areas on the track.
- **Techno** is the car's support for special devices, such as warnings or shields. A minus means more time lost in the jamming areas, such as radar jam or panel off.



| CARS                               | WEAPONS | ARMOR | CONTROL | TECHNO |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------|
| <b>First 3 cars:</b>               |         |       |         |        |
| LUIS (green)                       | 0       | 0     | -       | +      |
| OUZBEL<br>(violet, 2 reactors)     | ++      | +     | -       | +      |
| JOSE (orange)                      | --      | ++    | 0       | +      |
| <b>NewSan Vultures' car:</b>       |         |       |         |        |
| RAMON (dark green)                 | ++      | --    | +       | -      |
| <b>Maeva Sharks' car:</b>          |         |       |         |        |
| MARIA (triple wing)                | 0       | 0     | ++      | -      |
| <b>Factory Big Bob's car:</b>      |         |       |         |        |
| HOOPER (gray, 3 reactors)          | -       | +     | +       | 0      |
| <b>Terminal City Scabs car:</b>    |         |       |         |        |
| PALOMA (dark gray)                 | +       | ++    | -       | 0      |
| <b>Fractalian King Cool's car:</b> |         |       |         |        |
| OMEGA (yellow)                     | -       | --    | +       | ++     |

## ZONE SYMBOLS

In virtual TV, things may not be what they seem, I'm happy to say. The track features a terrifying selection of symbols, which signify things like speeding up and slowing up. And maybe even blowing up! Who knows? Who cares?

*Hint:* Each car's cockpit includes a Warning monitor that shows what zones lie ahead (after you drive over the Warning Symbol). Watch out for the following symbols on the monitor and the racetracks. Run over them to use them. Or swerve to avoid them!

| Symbol | Label         | Description  |
|--------|---------------|--|
|        | Booster +     | Get a short burst of high speed on a timer.                              |
|        | Booster -     | Brakes applied, which slows or stops car.                                |
|        | Points +      | Gain variable points, depending on track position.                       |
|        | Points -      | Lose variable points, depending on track position.                       |
|        | Energy +      | Gain variable amounts of battle strength.                                |
|        | Energy -      | Lose variable amounts of battle strength.                                |
|        | Weapon        | Collect a weapon. Press <b>C</b> to shoot.                               |
|        | No Weapon     | Takes away your weapons.   |
|        | Missile       | Pick up a missile if the car is capable.                                 |
|        | Rails         | Holds the car on the road.   |
|        | Shield        | Temporary protection against competitors' cars.                          |
|        | Radar Jam     | Jams radar so you cannot see locations of competitor's cars.             |
|        | Blinding Zone | Causes screen wobble so you cannot see zones.                            |
|        | Panel Off     | Turns off the Warning monitor and all panel indicators fail temporarily. |
|        | Skidding      | Slippery stuff that makes your car skid.                                 |
|        | Skidding turn | Watch it! This'll cause you to go into a 360 spin!                       |
|        | Warning       | Part of the panel that warns of zones on the track ahead.                |

## NEWSAN TRACKS

Welcome to NewSan! Cruise the world's most sophisticated city, stretching over what was once known as California. Here, Enforcer, you get to do high speed battle with a gang of brutal competitors, The Vultures, driving RAMONs. Led by Jailbait, these scum will do their best to turn you into dog meat. So, rev up and watch the feathers fly!



### NewSan boasts three fine tracks.

**Uptown** - VWBT designed this incredibly expensive speedway for the beautiful people. So go ahead. Sit back and daydream about the elegant night life—and you're chopped liver, bud.

**Sunset Boulevard** - VWBT poured virtually billions into the superb speedway. Keep your eyes peeled, because "now you see it, now you don't" can mean "lights out" for you.

**Golden Gate Speedway** - Take a dawn drive over VWBT's special tribute to OldSan. Watch out for The Vultures circling, or you'll be old news.

## MAEVA TRACKS

How long can you hold your breath? Keep your goggles clear and your harpoon ready as you race beneath the sea. You'll be hunted relentlessly by The Sharks driving the triple winged MARIA. Their leader, Hammerhead, has sworn to make you eat your lunch in the sand. Turn these fish into sushi on the track and net a MARIA.



### Maeva offers three breathtaking tracks:

**Atlantis** - Drive through a legend and into the jaws of hell. The Sharks are gonna getcha in the Aquatube raceway, Enforcer.

**Aqualand** - Viewers at home can enjoy the wonder of an enchanted garden beneath the sea, while you fight off The Sharks.

**The Blue Lagoon Funworld** - VWBT's 20 billion dollar underwater raceway is the perfect spot for a family vacation—for dolphins!

## FACTORYLAND TRACKS

So you think you're a hot shot at hot wiring? Check out The Power Tools led by Big Bob. These guys drive the HOOPERS. Watch it, or they'll grind you up into little parts.



**Factoryland manufactured three special tracks, just for suckers like you:**

**Industrial Park**- Put on your hard hat and tough it out in an atmosphere of burning tires. Remember, "rubbing is racing." So, ya better burn rubber if you don't want your car customized with a can opener!

**The Snake** - Put your pedal to the metal. The official name for this track is Extraction Facility 17. Your stomach'll let you know why it's called The Snake. It's pure poison to the incompetent.

**The Big Zero** - So far, nobody has beaten Big Bob and his bad boys on this track. Legend has it that this is the Robots' burial ground. Certainly, it's where most Enforcers bite the dust.

## TERMINAL CITY TRICKS

This could be the end of the line for you, Enforcer. The Scabs lead by Rabies will try to pick you off in their PALOMAs. Better get up to date on your shots. And don't forget your dog tags, so the coroner can ID you afterwards.



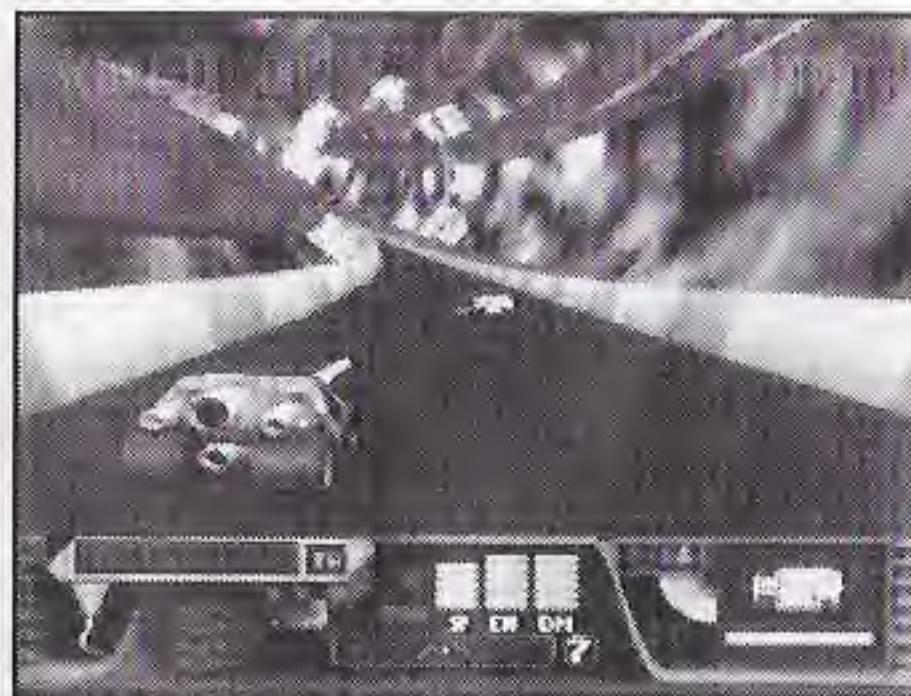
**Terminal City is about as low as you can go, but it's got two hot tracks:**

**Wasteland** - So called because this is where Enforcers get wasted! Better step on the gas. Time's a wasting.

**Orbital Junkyard** - Enjoy driving in the dark, Enforcer? Well, try racing through a bunch of defunct spaceships floating in zero G. This track is a dream come true for some; a nightmare for others!

## FRACTALIAN SPACE TRACKS

Race through time and space against The Master Class. Lead by King Cool driving OMEGAs, these space freaks are bad news. Hang tough and show them you've got the right stuff.



### Fractalian Space is fractured into three tracks:

**The Particle Accelerator** - Time for warp speed against five warped competitors.

**The Belly of the Beast** - Imagine what it would feel like to be swallowed whole. Better pray you don't find out, because few have escaped the Belly of the Beast.

**Paradise Valley** - A vision of unspoiled loveliness. Count your blessings. This may be the last thing you'll ever see.

## BONUS TRACK

No clues here. A virtual surprise!

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